

## OASIS FORMS RESPONSE

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### MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

At its meeting of January 19, 2010 the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the "Board") discussed in depth the new Oasis C form and the best way for physical therapists to complete the form, particularly relating to the sections on medication review and education.

The Maryland Physical Therapy Act generally does not include drug utilization reviews or education on the use of high-risk medications within the definition of "practice of physical therapy". However, the Board's careful reading of the Oasis C Guidance Manual indicates that Oasis C form does not require any practitioner to function beyond his or her scope of practice. Rather, it requires one clinician must collaborate with other practitioners in order to complete sections of the form that require assessments or actions that are beyond the scope of the responsible clinician's practice. The form specifically states, "Collaboration...does not violate the requirement that the comprehensive patient assessment is the responsibility of and must be ultimately completed by one clinician."

Therefore, if a physical therapist is the clinician responsible for the completion of the Oasis C form on a particular patient, the physical therapist should collaborate with other appropriate practitioners in order to complete the sections that fall outside their scope of practice.